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EDITORIAL NEWS

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Senator Barry Goldwater, recognized as the leading conservative in the Republican Party, has written a column in which he proposes to modernize the Electoral College—to enable the votes of each citizen to count equally and to prevent the votes of many citizens from being completely discounted.

The average citizen may not even realize how the Electoral college works to disenfranchise millions of Americans. As Senator Goldwater points out in his recent column, the vote in a state such as New York State can be very close—say 4,000,000 votes for one candidate and 3,000,000 for the other and the candidate who receives 3,000, 000 popular votes wins none of the state's electoral votes.

Under this system obviously the man who wins the most popular votes in the country is not necessarily elected. In fact, in our history we have had Presidents elected who received fewer popular votes in the country is not

The Electoral College was set up in the early years of our Republic to enable the people of each state to select able leaders in their state to choose a President. At that time it was highly unlikely that the citizens of each state would know the candidates for President, and anything much about them.

Therefore, it was thought to have the voters of each state select distinguished and experienced statesmen; who might know the candidates and their records first-hand, and have these men actually elect the President.

This was done, and also the Electoral College system of giving all the states' votes to one candidate was also set up. However, as it became desirable to allow the people to exercise their own judgement, the system was changed so the people voted for electors pledged to one of the candidates.

This modernization was effected, and today another modernization, which is even more badly needed, is one which will allow every vote for President count. The solution is to divide the electoral votes of each state in democratic proportion to the percentage of the popular vote that Presidential candidate received.

Until this is done, presidential elections in the United States will not be democratic, and millions of Americans will waste their ballots.

Washington Notes

FUTURE IN DOUBT

Doubts have been raised on Capitol Hill whether the next Congress, meeting in January, would reactivate the controversial House subcommittee investigating television "payola" and "conflict of interest" in Federal agencies.

Under the House rules such special subcommittees "die" with each Congress. Representative Oren Harris, Democrat of Arkansas, chairman of the Special Subcommittee on Legislative Oversight, has declined to say whether he would press for its revival, come January.

'59 TAX AVERAGE

Taxes took $100,000,000,000 in 1959—an average of $567.04 for every man, woman and child in the nation—the Census Bureau reports.

The total collection by Federal, state and local governments set a record, the bureau said, but the per capita take dropped slightly because of the increasing population.

Of the 1959 total, $67,300,000,000 went to the Federal Government and $32,700,000,000 to state and local governments.

IKE'S DENOUNCEMENT

President Eisenhower has branded as "self - confessed traitors" the two youthful American code clerks who went over to the Soviet Union and denounced their homeland for what they said are war-provoking policies.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has begun probing into the case which could blossom out into one of the biggest since the Communists - in - government exposes of a decade ago.

'FIRST STEP'

Douglas Dillon, Under Secretary of State, has outlined a United States plan for a liberally financed, far-reaching attack on the "poverty, ignorance and lack of social justice" in Latin America.

He described the $500,000,000 fund authorized by Congress for Latin - American development at President Eisenhower's request as "a first step."

DETERRENT 'FIRST'

President Eisenhower has said that the nation must remain prepared to "face resolutely the dangers of any possible war" until powerful aggressors renounce their aims of world conquest.

In his prepared remarks the President said that until aggression was abandoned by international communism the United States must continue its current level of spending for defense. He described the national security as "one of the central facts of our existence."

NEW NIXON GROUPS

Two more campaign committees have been added to the rapidly growing complex of citizens groups assisting Vice President Nixon's Presidential campaign.

The latest entries were a "Retired Servicemen's Committee for Nixon - Lodge" headed by Admiral Arthur W. Radford, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and a "Lawyers for Nixon-Lodge," directed by five co-chairmen.

Richwood

Richwood, Sept. 21 — "Behold the righ...ous shall be recompensed in the earth; much more the wicked and the sinner." — Proverbs 11:31.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Hamilton were in Lynchburg on business on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughters, Judy, Jane and Val, and Georgie Belle Brannan were the supper guest Monday evning of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Woolridg.

Mr. and Mrs. T T. Woolridge and Mrs. G. P. Brannan visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis one day last week at Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Hamilton and family Sunday afternoon.

One reason the average citizen is so confused about the strategic world is that the nation's leaders seem to be confused also.

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...s. Charlie Steppe and ...s. Allen Gardner spent ... at the home of Mr. ...O. Martin.

...rs. H. O. Martin and ...Martin spent the week-end in Roanoke visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Martin spent Friday night with Miss Eunice Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore, of Madison Heights were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Moore were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Ronnie and Carolyn Jo, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin Jr., Faye and Janet and Mrs. Joel Morris were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin, of Lynchburg.

The Intermediate Class of the Trinity Methodist Church was entertained by he teachers, Mrs. Charles Martin and Mrs. Jutson Morris at dinner in the home of Mrs. Martin in Lynchburg Sunday.

Alfred C. Martin, of the U. S. Army was home for the week-end. Others visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin and Barbara were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yeatts and children, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin, Jr., and girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Moore and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Harding on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mary Burge, Paul Burge, Wallace Burge, Mrs. Sadie Marino, Michael and Laura visited Mrs. T. J. Franklin at Falling River Sunday afternoon.

Rocks

Rocks, Sept. 19-The wind has been very strong here but no serious damage. Plenty of rain makes the fields look like spring time.

David Almond was operated on at Va. Baptist Hospital last Tuesday.

Mrs. Toby Inge gave the demonstration at the Bethany Club last Monday afternoon.

Quite a few from here attended the revival meeting at Piney Ridge Church last week.

Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson's father, T. A. Foster of near Darlington Heights entered Southside Hospital in Farmville last Tuesday. She spent some time last week with her mother, Mrs. Foster who is also ill at home.

A number from here attended the Shareholders meeting of the Pamplin Area Development Corp. on last Tuesday evening.

James Dinkins, of Appomattor, was in the neighborhood Wednesday night.

A number from here attended the 5 County Fair in Farmvills last week.

Mrs. Robert Roach and Mrs. Glene McIntosh and children went to the Cannery at Pamplin Friday morning.

Mrs. Toby Inge and children, Mrs. Mildred Inge and Mrs. Clara Garrett were in Lynchburg Saturday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Almond were supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richardson Sunday night.

Everyone was glad to see Mrs. W. H. Elder at church Sunday.

Cassie Baldwin spent Saturday with Mrs. Glenn Martin at Evergreen.

Some of the smartest things that we have heard have come from the lips of children.

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